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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

SPEC 1. Bautzen-Litten Airfield

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2. Husaren Kaserne in BautzenEVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 27 May to 19 June 1953 25X1ADATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] PREPARED 29 July 1953

REFERENCES

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1. On 27 May 1953, there was no air activity at the field. During the noon hours on 31 May, two jet fighters were reportedly observed over Bautzen. At the same time on 2 June, swept-back jet fighters were again observed over Bautzen. The planes apparently took off from and landed at Bautzen-Litten Airfield. Between noon and 2 p.m. on 4 June, take-offs and landings were practiced.

2. On 2 June, about 30 Soviet motor vehicles, [REDACTED] proceeded on Loebauer Strasse toward Litten coming from Bautzen. The vehicles were generally occupied only by a driver and an assistant driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Some of the trucks had a high and bulky canvas-covered load. The other vehicles were loaded with wooden frames, book-shelves and billeting equipment. On the afternoon of 2 June, about 20 trucks were observed at the field.

3. A 2-meter-high wall was erected along the southern border of the field. It appeared as though fence posts had been set up around the entire area of the field. Some low wooden buildings were seen at the field. At about 5:30 p.m. on 27 May, at the end of working hours, about 150 convicts were shipped from the field.

4. [REDACTED] trucks loaded with 5 or 6 piles of runway mats each, arrived at the field while construction work was under way. Each runway mat had a length of 3 to 4 meters and a width of 30 to 40 cm.

5. A building, about 6 meters square, which resembled a transformer house, was under construction in the Husaren Kaserne at the corner formed by Doktor-Peter-Jordan Strasse and Kaethe-Kollwitz Strasse. On 2 June, 18 VPL members were drilling with rifles at the barracks installation. Sedans [REDACTED] were observed entering and leaving the installation.

6. On 4 June, there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters [REDACTED]. The practice flights lasted until about 7 p.m. The planes used the entire runway for their landings. Aircraft which were not involved in flying were used for instruction purposes. On 9 June, there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters [REDACTED]

7. On 4 June, construction work was resumed on the landing field when air activity was discontinued. Work on the northern section of the field was not stopped during air activity. On 28 May, draggers were observed in the southwestern section of the field.

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where pits for underground fuel containers were presumably to be dug. On 2 June, source observed that a graded strip, having the same width as that of the runway, extended north of the runway. Two tractors with heavy rollers were being used south of the runway. Three groups of convicts were engaged in drainage work.

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9. At noon on 8 June, local flights were made at the field. Eighteen swept-back jet planes, apparently two-seaters, were counted at the field. On 10 June, 19 swept-back jet planes were parked at the field while no air activity was observed. Thirteen U-MiG-15s were observed at the field on 15 June. The planes departed on 16 June and did not return to the field until 19 June.

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10. The radio installation with four masts was still located in the southeastern corner of the field. A wire extended from each mast into the radio tent. The antenna mast at the flight control station was removed in mid-June. Laborers were engaged in grading work in mid-June.

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Comment. [redacted] it must be assumed that MiG-15s from Grossenhain were stationed at Bautzen airfield during the first half of June 1953. This may confirm the observation [redacted] 25X1 that, during that period, elements of a fighter regiment from Grossenhain were temporarily stationed at Bautzen airfield. Of the aircraft [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] reported for the first time from East Germany. [redacted] were previously observed in Grossenhain. It is possible that these [redacted] which were observed for the first time in East Germany, could be [redacted] aircraft previously stationed at Grossenhain. 25X1 MiG-15s at Grossenhain are parked in numerous hangars, therefore only a portion of [redacted] 25X1

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